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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on February 10, 2000. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 35 as follows.

35. (Amended) The monoclonal antibody of claim 34 [being characterized by the following properties:] further comprising a molecular weight of about 150,000, and of subclass IgG₁, IgG_{2a}, or IgG_{2b}.

REMARKS

In the pending Office Action, the Examiner declined to enter amendments to the specification submitted with the Preliminary Amendment filed in the U.S. Patent Office June 23, 1999. Rather, the Examiner requested a substitute specification in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.125(a). The Office Action also objected to the abstract of the disclosure because of the use of the word "said." In addition, claim 35 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, claims 32 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being